

outright privatization without using the A-76 rules.

Finally, I am going to introduce into the defense authorization bill for fiscal year 2001 an amendment to extend COLA benefits for those civil service employees who exercised the right of first refusal on Guam. This will, I believe, assist these families financially and perhaps stem the flight of skilled workers from Guam.

Another aspect of this amendment is to provide a mortgage assistance program for all affected civil service workers. For all their years of dedicated Federal civil service, this is the least that the government can do.

Mr. Speaker, I have said it before and I will say it again, outsourcing from a small island economy does not make any sense. There is no readiness benefit to do it. In fact, there is more likely the case that this privatization endeavor will jeopardize both long-term and short-term readiness.

Of course there is no benefit to the local economy. Since Guam's firms are not large enough to be the prime contractor, most of the contract's profits will be sent off island or remain in the hands of big corporations.

There is no benefit to the laborer. Their salaries have been sliced and diced, so they will not even be able to afford the costly consumables that are sold locally. Whatever happened to an honest day's wage for honest skilled labor.

All in all, the Navy's conduct in this commercial study appears to have been a rather shallow display of gratitude and neighborliness for all of Guam's years of service as the Nation's most strategic forward located area. Furthermore, their decisions represent an utter lack of forethought with regard to the future defense needs in the region.

It is my hope to bring some relief to these dedicated civil service employees and alert other communities to the pitfalls that were encountered by my island community of Guam during the Navy's outsourcing.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GONZALEZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family matters.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Ms. CARSON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family medical reasons.

Mr. SCARBOROUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of delayed arrival due to bad weather.

Mr. MANZULLO (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of illness in the family.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEJDENSON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GEJDENSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KIND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6875. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Importation of Pork and Pork Products [Docket No. 95-027-2] received January 10, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6876. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations: Disqualification Penalties for Intentional Program Violations (RIN: 0584-AC65) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6877. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Glufosinate ammonium; Extension of Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300953; FRL-6394-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 5, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6878. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting amend-

ments to the FY 2001 budget requests for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, State, Transportation, and the Treasury; the Corps of Engineers; the Office of the United States Trade Representative, International Assistance Programs; the Small Business Administration; and, the Corporation for National and Community Service, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1107; (H. Doc. No. 106-222); to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

6879. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Air Force has initiated an independent business analysis to determine whether significant savings can be achieved or significant performance improvements are likely by waving the Office of Management and Budget A-76 procedures for the acquisition of Aircraft Maintenance and Supply functions at Andrews Air Force Base (AFB), Maryland, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2461; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6880. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the Incentive-Based Crime Reporting Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6881. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the certification pertaining to destruction of Russia's chemical weapons and the report on proposed obligations for chemical weapons destruction activities in Russia; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6882. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Assessments (RIN: 3064-AC31) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6883. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Devolution of Corporate Governance Responsibilities [No. 99-62] (RIN: 3069-AA-89) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6884. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Amendment of Affordable Housing Program Regulation [No. 99-68] (RIN: 3069-AA82) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6885. A letter from the General Counsel, Central Office, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards—received January 12, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6886. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting the reports, as required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended; to the Committee on the Budget.

6887. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Summer Food Service Program; Implementation of Legislative Reforms (RIN: 0584-AC23) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6888. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of